

## Minutes of Southern Utah Veterans' Home – Ivins, Advisory Board Meeting 7-10-2013

Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole at 4:00pm.

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance were led by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Bill Toole, Chair

Lloyd Laycook, Vice Chair

David Chung

Terry Dunne

Carole Grady

Donna Lister

Bill Stay

Steve Roberts

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Veterans Affairs & Military Affairs

Jacqueline Peterson, State Officer, Staff to the Advisory Board

Jerry Olson, Avalon Administrator

Excused:

Chris Hart

Ron Lee

A quorum is present .

Visitors/Avalon staff members;

Faye Lincoln, Kelly Snowball, Derek Gasser

Chairman Bill Toole welcomed all in attendance to the Southern Utah Veterans Home - Ivins board meeting.

**Minutes** of May 1, 2013 & June 12, 2013 were approved as read.

**State Officer** Jacqueline Peterson reported on the installation of various sculptures to be placed at and around the facility. She also reported on some recent water damage and stressed that repairs will be undertaken by the contractor at no cost to us. Exact completion date is not known but estimated to be about the end of July.

**Avalon Healthcare** Jerry Olson gave an overview of the process of interviewing the new staff members and that only the highest qualified were being hired. Applications will be kept and as the staff needs to be increased applicant will be called again for possible hire. He also discussed upcoming resident admissions, 49 packets completed, and twelve veterans are ready to move into the facility. Target date for first admission is July 16, 2013. Jerry Olson also reported on the extremely rigid surveys that will have to be passed prior to licensing. Kelly Snowball gave a briefing on the building inspection procedures that must be conducted and passed before the facility would receive any federal money. He also stated that Avalon has hired Vivage a consulting firm out of Colorado that specializes in VA inspections and their surveyor(s) pointed out areas of concern for upcoming VA survey. Kelly Snowball covered in detail the importance

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of making a very special day for the First Resident with pictures, refreshments for the residents and family.

**Old Business** Vice Chairman Lloyd Laycook discussed the framed American flag which can be purchased for the amount of \$90.00. He also stated that he would look for a corporate donor to purchase the flag to place in all of the residents room.

Dennis McFall addressed that the Oath of Office and Terms in the Executive Board handout was being worked on and would be updated/sent out when completed. This comes directly from the Office of the Governor and since the appointments were made there has been no activity.

Dennis stated that the Charitable Trust would be closed by next board meeting. A determination will be made as to where funds will be held, but we have recommended they be held in a departmental account, so the net effect is just moving the funds from American first Credit Union to Zion's Bank. Dennis will discuss the monument funds with Mayor Hart.

Discussion was made about transportation problems around community for both residents and visitors. Dennis McFall stated that this would be an operational issue and that Avalon would need to come up with a possible solution to this problem.

**New Business** Name badges for board personnel. Discussion was held, no decision made, and further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Bill Stay asked if the board could purchase additional table and chairs for the multipurpose room. Dennis McFall stated that this could probably be done but would get back with Jackie prior to the next meeting. Dennis advised he would not be in attendance because of personal plans that have been in the making for months relative to his wedding anniversary (55 years.)

Travel for board members was discussed and each board member who is not on state status is entitled to travel pay. Travel for other than scheduled board meetings needs to be approved in writing, in advance. Jacqueline Peterson handed out the travel forms.

Discussion was made about the Fallen Hero Memorial Park. Board members were in agreement about lack of security, vandalism & potential cost. A possible solution suggested would be to donate back to Ivins City, but Dennis said this was likely not viable.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2013  
September 11, 2013  
October 9, 2013

The meeting was adjourned without ceremony by Chairman Bill Toole at 6:05pm